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Serial No.: **10/622,959** )  
Filed: **7/18/2003** )  
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Group Art Unit: **3671** )  
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Please find included a Supplemental FORM PTO-1449 (Substitute) for the Examiner to consider when examining the above-stated patent application.

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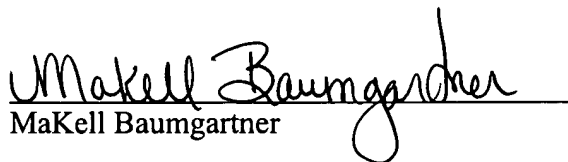
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (Substitute) are brought to the attention of the Examiner. No representation is made that these documents are analogous art or material to the patentability of the invention. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.104, no representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103. Moreover, no representation is made that the attached documents have been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a document is intended.

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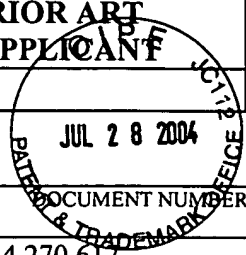
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